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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: TURKISH/UN DEVELOPMENTS

1. WE ARE ADVISED THAT KAFAOGLU AND ARIM (TURKISH MISSION) CALLED ON MARTENS MAY 21 AT MARTENS' REQUESTS. (KIRCA IS STILL OUT OF TOWN, PRESUMABLY IN MADRID.) MARTENS REPORTEDLY ASKED WHETHER GOT HAD YET ANNOUNCED GUARANTEED PRICE FOR POPPY FARMERS AND EMPHASIZED HE CONSIDERS SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT BEING MADE VERY SOON TO BE OF KEY IMPORTANCE.

2. TURKISH SIDE SAID THEY HAD SENT REPEATED CABLES TO ANKARA STRESSING NEED FOR PRICE TO BE ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO ONSET OF LANCING SEASON, BUT NO REPLY HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED. HOWEVER, THEY HAD REASON BELIEVE THAT PRICE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE SOON AND NO LATER THAN END OF MAY. KAFAOGLU (TURKISH MISSION'S MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS) MENTIONED THAT HE MIGHT SOON BE ASKED GO TO ANKARA FOR TALKS ON THIS MATTER.

3. MARTENS REQUESTED THAT HIS SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT PRICE ANNOUNCEMENT BE CONVEYED TO GOT URGENTLY. HE ALSO ASKED THAT GOT BE INFORMED OF HIS WISH THAT UN TECHNICAL EXPERTS BE INVITED VISIT TURKEY DURING PERIOD WHEN CONTROL ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED. MARTENS NOTED THAT OBJECTIVE OF SUCH VISIT WOULD BE TO FOLLOW CONTROL OPERATIONS WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY ASSISTED BY  
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UNFDAC. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PRESENCE UN EXPERTS WOULD BENEFIT

BOTH UN AND TURKEY.

4. TURKISH REPS AGREED CONVEY MARTENS' REQUESTS AND CONCERNS TO ANKARA.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING CLOSE AND CONTINUING CONTACT BEHIND-THE-SCENES WITH UN/TURKISH OFFICIALS TO PROMOTE URGENT GOT APPROVAL OF UN'S PROPOSALS AND EARLIEST ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOT OF GUARANTEED PRICE. FROM OUR TALKS WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR KIRCA HAS RECOMMENDED STRONGLY THAT GOT SHOULD AGREE WITH UN'S PROPOSALS AND ANNOUNCE PRICE SOONEST. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY AGREES WITH KIRCA'S POSITION. HANG-UP REPORTEDLY IS WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, AND KAFAOFLU, WITH KIRCA'S SUPPORT, HAS BEEN TRYING OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION VISIT ANKARA TO TRY PERSUADE AGRICULTURE/TMO ALSO AGREE. HOWEVER, AUTHORIZATION FOR KAFAOGLU'S VISIT HAS STILL NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING. WE GATHER THAT TMO IN PARTICULAR IS BEING UNHELPFUL AND IS TAKING POSITION THAT WINTER CONDITIONS HAVE DELAYED POPPY HARVEST AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO NEED HURRY ON PRICE QUESTION. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS HERE TO TRY PROMOTE PROGRESS AND WILL REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. ONE TURKISH SOURCE TELLS US TURKISH LAW REQUIRES THAT PRICE BE ANNOUNCED BY MAY 31. COULD ADDRESSEES ADVISE WHETHER THIS IS TRUE?DALE

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